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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED SUBJECT AT LENGTH WITH CNAN (ALGERIAN STATE SHIPPING COMPANY) DIRECTOR FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, M.K. KOUIDRI. KOUIDRI AFFIRMED THAT LAW/RULE/REGULATION SUCH AS DESCRIBED REFS A AND B DOES NOT RPT NOT NOW EXIST IN ALGERIA. BUT, HE SAID, THEY SERIOUSLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY CONSIDERING SUCH A LAW. THEIR CONCERN IS TWOFOLD: PORT CONGESTION AND SAFETY/POLLUTION.

2. KOUIDRI SAID AS FIRST STEP IN THEIR CONSIDERATION THEY CAN-
VASED OTHER COUNTRIES AND FOUND THAT ONLY TWO, IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA, HAVE SUCH REGULATIONS. THEY ARE USING THE SAUDI REGULATIONS AS A MODEL IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS, AND KOUIDRI SAID THAT ALGERIAN REGULATIONS, WHEN THEY APPEAR, WOULD CLOSELY PARALLEL THE SAUDI REGULATIONS. HE DISPLAYED WORKING PAPERS WHICH INCLUDED COPIES AND TRANSLATIONS OF ARTICLES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING THE SAUDI RESTRICTIONS. ONE SUCH WAS A TYPED TRANSLATION OF AN ARTICLE (UNSOURCED)

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GIVING "CLARIFICATION" AND STATING THAT "LETTERS OF CREDIT MUST INCLUDE A CLAUSE CERTIFYING THAT THE CARRYING SHIPS ARE NOT OLDER THAN 15 YEARS, OR THAT THE SHIPS ARE BENEFICIARY OF A WAIVER AS DESCRIBED IN CIRCULAR 263, WHICH STIPULATES THAT THE CERTIFICATE MUST BE DELIVERED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES:

- 1) AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING,
- 2) ETC THROUGH 6)". (EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF ALGERIAN TRANSLA-

TION OF ORIGINAL ENGLISH.)

3. KOUIDRI ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT NEW REGULATION WOULD BE COMPLETELY NON-DISCRIMINATORY. HE SAID THAT WOULD APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES, INCLUDING EVEN CNAN, AND CNAN ENVISAGED THAT THIS WOULD CAUSE THEM EXPENSE TO BRING SOME OF THEIR SHIPS UP TO STANDARDS.

4. ON NEGATIVE SIDE, KOUIDRI SAID THAT, SINCE EASING PORT CONGESTION WAS A MAIN GOAL, HE WAS SURE THAT NEW REGULATIONS WOULD HAVE OTHER, VERY STRICT PROVISIONS NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO AGE. FOR INSTANCE, HE SAID, PORT AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO REFUSE ENTRY TO ANY SHIP HAVING FAULTY OR INADEQUATE UNLOADING EQUIPMENT. HE ALSO SAID THERE WOULD BE RESTRICTIONS ON PACKAGING OF CARGO. (HE CITED AS MODEL JIDDA PORT CIRCULAR 166 DD 7/8/3197.)

5. EMBASSY OFFICER EMPHASIZED THAT OUR CONCERN WAS THAT NEW REGULATIONS BE NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND THAT THEY HAVE REASONABLE WAIVER PROVISIONS. KOUIDRI SAID HE SURE WE WOULD HAVE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH NEW ALGERIAN REGULATIONS IF WE COULD LIVE WITH CURRENT SAUDI REGULATIONS.

6. KOUIDRI PLANNING VISIT US IN JUNE AND AUGUST, PRIMARILY TO VISIT COAST GUARD ACADEMY AND COMPUTER/SATTELITE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT STAMFORD, CONN. HE AGREED THAT HE SHOULD STOP IN WASHINGTON TO VISIT MARAD. (HE CLAIMS TO HAVE VISITED MARAD YEAR OF TWO AGO.) WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL REPORT ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF HIS VISIT WHEN THEY AVAILABLE. FOR NOW, HE PLANNING ARRIVE US O/A JUNE 20.
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